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10 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02
	Briefing by the Department of Political Affairs (DPA)	
	Sudan sanctions	
	Other matters	
3 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02
	1718 Committee (S/2012/17)	
	South Sudan	
	Other matters	

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan

3 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire

4.30 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

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General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing by Mr. Kobsak Chutikul, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and Mr. Richard Kozul-Wright, Head of the Unit on Economic Cooperation and Integration among Developing Countries, UNCTAD, on preparations for the thirteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, *today*, 10 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 2 February 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary for brainstorming on the internal working methods of the Fifth Committee, *today*, 10 February 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 1 February 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An informal meeting of the plenary on the monitoring mechanism to follow-up on all commitments related to Africa's development needs, will take place on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). A letter from the co-facilitators was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

The co-facilitators will hold follow-up consultations with major groups as follows:

African Group:
Thursday, 16 February 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB);

Group of 77 and China:
Friday, 17 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB);

Western European and Other States Group:
Tuesday, 21 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB); and

United Nations funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions:
Wednesday, 14 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An informal meeting of the plenary (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will take place on *Tuesday, 21 February 2012*, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). A letter from the Chair, dated 31 January 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063). The meeting has been rescheduled from Tuesday, 14 February 2012, to Tuesday, 21 February.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An election will be held for the appointment of three judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, under sub-item (j) of agenda item 115 (documents A/66/664 and A/66/682), on Thursday, 23 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. For further information, please contact Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail mmuturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), will be established by a drawing of lots, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

Delegations are therefore requested to inform the Secretariat of the level of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the Conference in writing and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A), *no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 March 2012*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations.

Member States are requested to send their written amendments to chapters III, IV and V of the zero draft of the outcome document to the Rio+20 Secretariat (e-mails tahtinen@un.org and uncsd2012@un.org), *no later than Wednesday, 29 February 2012*.

General Assembly

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group II (Arbitration and Conciliation)
Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Open meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Open meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. Overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Budget performance for the period 2010-2011 and budget for the period 2012-2013
2. Executive meeting

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2012

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [2]

[1]To be held immediately following the conclusion of the 11.30 a.m. briefing on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system (see p. 6).

Commission for Social Development
Fiftieth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 11th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

3 p.m. . . . . 12th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [2]

   Action on draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.4

2. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [3]

   Action on draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.5[1]

3. Priority theme: Poverty eradication . . . . . [3 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.7[1]

[1]To be issued.

4. Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups . . . . . [3 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions E/CN.5/2012/L.3 and E/CN.5/2012/L.6

5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Commission (E/CN.5/2012/L.1) [5]

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fiftieth session (E/CN.5/2012/L.2) [6]

7. Closure of the fiftieth session

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-first session

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Election of officers

[1]To be held following the closure of the fiftieth session of the Commission.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
First regular session 2012

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

1. Other matters . . . . . [13]

Tentative list of agenda items for the 2012 annual session of the Executive Board

2. Adoption of draft decisions . . . . . [14]

3. Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board [15]

[The Group of Western European and Other States will meet *today* from 9 to 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).]

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on HIV and other health-related issues, *today*, 10 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2012

Briefing

There will be a briefing by the Acting Director, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system, *today*, 10 February 2012, at 11.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Liu Huan Yu (e-mail liuh@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2902).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict" (under agenda item 123 (a)) (convened by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Indonesia)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Other meetings

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Friday, 10 February 2012

Group of 77 (on the monitoring mechanism to follow-up on all commitments related to Africa's development needs)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group on Sustainable Development

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Other activities

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Friday, 10 February 2012

Tenth Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and United Nations staff are invited to attend. For information, please contact Mr. Bela Hovy, Population Division, DESA (e-mail hovy@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9887); or visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/population/meetings/tenthcoord2012/tenthcoord2012.htm>.]

UNITAR workshop on "Key issues for negotiating the arms trade treaty" (organized in collaboration with the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union and the Permanent Mission of Australia)

From 9.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 to 6 p.m., at the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union (305 East 47th Street, 5th Floor).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 10 February 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

3 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Héctor Marcos Timerman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Argentina

Security Council stakeout

4.30 p.m.[1] . . . . . Ms. Valerie Amos, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (following the consultations of the whole of the Security Council)

[1] Approximately.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 13 February 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

10 a.m. . . . . 95th plenary meeting[1] . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Report of the Human Rights Council (A/66/53/Add.2 and A/66/53/Add.2/Corr.1) . . [64]

[1] A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 February 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Monday, 13 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB): on command and control; and civil affairs;

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB): on inter-mission cooperation; and conduct and discipline;

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB): on restructuring; gap list; and expanding the base of troop-contributing countries; and

Friday, 17 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB): on peacekeeping and peacebuilding; and personnel.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
Fourth session

The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty will be held from Monday, 13, to Friday, 17 February 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.1. The draft provisional agenda and the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference are contained in documents A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.2 and A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.3, respectively.

Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (IN-611) and during the session to room NL-1033D.

Web site

Official documents, background information and other materials on the ATT process can be found at <www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ATTPrepCom/index.htm>. For inquiries concerning the Web site, please contact the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org).

Independent Audit Advisory Committee
Seventeenth session

The Independent Audit Advisory Committee will hold its seventeenth session (closed) on Monday, 13, and Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB); and on Wednesday, 15 February, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 339th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held, at the ambassadorial level, on Monday, 13 February 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Draft programme of work of the Committee (A/AC.183/2012/CRP.1)
4. Request by Ecuador to become a member of the Committee
5. Report of the Chair on the United Nations Seminar on Assistance to the Palestinian People, held in Cairo, Egypt, on 6 and 7 February 2012
6. Other matters

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2012 substantive session from Tuesday, 21 February, to Friday, 16 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the Secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that are interested in sending observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail to herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda and the draft work programme of the session are contained in documents A/AC.121/2012/L.1 and A/AC.121/2012/L.2, respectively. The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee has been issued in documents A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1 and has been posted on the Web site of the Special Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. Other documents of the session will also be posted on the site.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee that will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (21-22 February) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list should contact the secretariat, as of the above date (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (917) 963-5305)). In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed in the conference room should provide an additional 200 copies.

Web site

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2012 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 23 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky, Secretary of the Special Committee (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; room IN-608E; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)), the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2012.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans *submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution* 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Informal consultations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold informal consultations on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB); and on Thursday, 16 February, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB). Participation in the informal consultations is open to members of the Committee only.

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal briefing

The Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara (Liberia), will hold an informal briefing to provide updates on the preparations for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The briefing will be followed by a presentation of the draft agreed conclusions by the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Mr. Carlos García (El Salvador). All interested delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating available* in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, *by 3 p.m. on Thursday, 23 February 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings, with round table A in Conference Room 4 (NLB) and round table B in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The composition of the round tables has been posted on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm#panelA>.

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

United Nations Forum on Forests
Briefing

The Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests will hold a briefing on the preparations for the tenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, as well as on the preparation for the second meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on Forest Financing, on Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). Representatives of all permanent missions in New York are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hossein Moeini-Meybodi (e-mail moeini-meybodi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5949).

Statistical Commission

Briefing

A briefing in preparation for the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will take place on Wednesday, 22 February 2012, from 1.30 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the *Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)*. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

There will be an informal consultation on the United Nations Volunteers draft biennial report 2010-2011 on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). Interested delegations are invited to attend.

The first meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Report 2012* will take place on Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). The working title of this year's report is "A changing world: Human progress and the rise of the global South". Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The United Nations in global governance" (under agenda item 123 (b)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

Monday, 13 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Working Group of the General Assembly on the Reform of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies" (under agenda item 124) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Monday, 13 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

Monday, 13 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Group of Least Developed Countries (on smooth transition) (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 13 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Arab Group (First Committee experts)

Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 16 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 24 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Women's International Forum on "Legal issues facing the United Nations – Reflections from three years as Legal Counsel" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please *click here* for further information.]

Panel discussion on "Nobel Peace Laureates call for robust criteria, scope and implementation mechanisms in an effective arms trade treaty (ATT)" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica and co-sponsored by the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress and Amnesty International, with the support of the Control Arms Campaign)

Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Maritza Chan, Minister Counselor, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (e-mail chanmaritza@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 986-6373, ext. 19).]

Panel discussion on "Democracy, peace and security: The role of the United Nations" (co-organized by the Department of Political Affairs (DPA), the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA))

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Kieran Lettrich, Office of the Permanent Observer for International IDEA (e-mail k.lettrich@idea.int; tel. 1 (212) 286-1084).]

Briefing for Member States by the Joint Inspection Unit on "The recent evaluation of the scope, organization, effectiveness and approach of the work of the United Nations in mine action" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland)

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ewa Anzorge, Permanent Mission of Poland (e-mail ewa.anzorge@msz.gov.pl; tel. 1 (646) 559-7559).]

Sensitization seminar for members of the International Seabed Authority (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Seabed Authority)

Thursday, 16 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ching Suntaree, Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Seabed Authority (tel. 1 (212) 963-6411).]

Briefing on "Sustainable development" (organized by the International Monetary Fund)

Thursday, 16 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nritya Subramaniam, IMF New York Office (e-mail nsubramaniam@imf.org; tel. 1 (212) 317-4738).]

UNITAR/WIPO seminar on international intellectual property

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525; and

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525.

[The seminar is open to members of permanent missions only. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/ny>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; room DC1-603).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012;

Thursday, 23 February 2012,

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Security Council documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 23 February 2012; and

Wednesday, 22 February 2012 (*in Spanish*).

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 2o February 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012; and

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 8 March 2012; and

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications has been extended until *Friday, 24 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and

nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp>.

All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 9 February 2012

Security Council

6714th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police- contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 9 February 2012, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 6714th meeting in private with the troop- and police-contributing countries to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste.

"The Security Council and the troop- and police-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Wolfgang Weisbrod-Weber, Director of the Asia and Middle East Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Weisbrod-Weber and representatives of participating contributing countries had an exchange of views."

6715th meeting

Briefing by the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Eamon Gilmore, Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by H.E. Mr. Gilmore.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, the United States, Colombia, Azerbaijan, India, Guatemala, Germany, France, China, Portugal, Pakistan, Morocco and South Africa, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative Togo.

H.E. Mr. Eamon Gilmore made a further statement.

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Fiftieth session

10th meeting

Programme questions and other matters . . . . . [4]

The Commission began its consideration of the item.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made an introductory statement.

The Commission concluded its consideration of this item.

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [3]

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disable Persons

(ii) World Programme of Action for Youth

(iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(iv) Family issues policies and programmes

Introduction of draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.3

The observer for Algeria, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.3.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

The Chair made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (New York, 19 December 2011)

Opening for signature

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Protocol, which was adopted at the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations by resolution 66/138 of 19 December 2011, will be open for signature at a signing ceremony to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 February 2012 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters.

In accordance with its article 18 (1), the Protocol shall be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Rights of the Child or either of the two Optional Protocols thereto on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are being printed and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible. Electronic copies of the Protocol are posted in the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <http://treaties.un.org>.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Protocol must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters (fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: <http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/publications/THB/English.pdf>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *February 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Tunisia
H.E. Mr. Othman Jerandi

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H.E. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Yuriy Sergeyev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Joaquin Alexander Maza Martelli

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H.E. Sir Mark Lyall Gran

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
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Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Thursday, 9 February 2012

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations <http://documents.un.org> in the electronic version of the present Journal.

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S/2012/10/Add.4	Summary statement by the Secretary-General of matters of which the Security Council is seized and of the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/2012/80	Letter dated 6 February 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
S/Agenda/6713	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

Economic and Social Council

Documents

Committee of Experts on Public Administration
Eleventh session

E/C.16/2012/3 — Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda — Local public governance and administration for results — Public service capacity-building for local-level development: the Singapore Public Service — a case study — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S] — *10 pages*

Commission for Social Development
Fiftieth session

E/CN.5/2012/L.1 — Draft report — *Rapporteur*: Olisa Cifligu (Albania) — Organization of the session [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

E/CN.5/2012/L.2 — Item 5 — Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Commission — Provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-first session of the Commission for Social Development [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

E/CN.5/2012/L.3 — Item 3 (b) — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups — Algeria: draft resolution [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

E/CN.5/2012/L.4 — Item 2 — Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier (Germany), on the basis of informal consultations [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

E/CN.5/2012/L.6 — Item 3 (b) — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Ana Marie L. Hernando (Philippines), on the basis of informal consultations [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

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Material for inclusion in the *Journal* should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Sylvie Deschênes (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888 and 963-6776; room IN-908, 300 East 42nd Street).

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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Monday, 13 February 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

10 a.m. . . . . 95th plenary meeting[1] . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items[2] . . . . . [7]
2. Report of the Human Rights Council (A/66/53/Add.2 and A/66/53/Add.2/Corr.1) . . [64]

[1]A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 February 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

[2]On the allocation of agenda item 64.

Security Council

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

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General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An informal meeting of the plenary on the monitoring mechanism to follow-up on all commitments related to Africa's development needs, will take place on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). A letter from the co-facilitators was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

The co-facilitators will hold follow-up consultations with major groups as follows:

African Group:
Thursday, 16 February 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB);

Group of 77 and China:
Friday, 17 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB);

Western European and Other States Group:
Tuesday, 21 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB); and

United Nations funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions:
Wednesday, 14 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An informal meeting of the plenary (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will take place on *Tuesday, 21 February 2012*, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). A letter from the Chair, dated 31 January 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063). The meeting has been rescheduled from Tuesday, 14 February 2012, to Tuesday, 21 February.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An election will be held for the appointment of three judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, under sub-item (j) of agenda item 115 (documents A/66/664 and A/66/682), on Thursday, 23 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. For further information, please contact Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail mmuturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), will be established by a drawing of lots, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

Delegations are therefore requested to inform the Secretariat of the level of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the Conference in writing and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A), *no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 March 2012*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
Fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Opening of the session . . . . . [1]

Adoption of the provisional agenda and organization of work (A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.1) [2]

Decisions on all relevant procedural matters, including the composition of the Bureau, the draft agenda and the submission of documents, for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty (A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.2 and A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.3) . [3]

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Decisions on all relevant procedural matters, including the composition of the Bureau, the draft agenda and the submission of documents, for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty (A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.2 and A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.3) . [3]

[Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (room IN-611) and during the session to room NL-1033D. The official documents, background information and other materials on the ATT process can be found at <www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ATTPrepCom/index.htm>. For inquiries concerning the Web site, please contact the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org).]

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

3–6 p.m. . . . . 339th meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Draft programme of work of the Committee (A/AC.183/2012/CRP.1)
4. Request by Ecuador to become a member of the Committee
5. Report of the Chair on the United Nations Seminar on Assistance to the Palestinian People, held in Cairo, Egypt, on 6 and 7 February 2012
6. Other matters

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Executive meeting

Independent Audit Advisory Committee
Seventeenth session

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on *Monday, 13 February 2012*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB), on command and control, and civil affairs.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

Monday, 13 February 2012

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The United Nations in global governance" (under agenda item 123 (b)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Working Group of the General Assembly on the Reform of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies" (under agenda item 124) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Other meetings

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Monday, 13 February 2012

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on global governance)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E (NLB)

Group of Least Developed Countries (on smooth transition) (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 13 February 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

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Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB): on inter-mission cooperation; and conduct and discipline;

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB): on restructuring; gap list; and expanding the base of troop-contributing countries; and

Friday, 17 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB): on peacekeeping and peacebuilding; and personnel.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2012 substantive session from Tuesday, 21 February, to Friday, 16 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the Secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that are interested in sending observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail to herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda and the draft work programme of the session are contained in documents A/AC.121/2012/L.1 and A/AC.121/2012/L.2, respectively. The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee has been issued in documents A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1 and has been posted on the Web site of the Special Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. Other documents of the session will also be posted on the site.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee that will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (21–22 February) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list should contact the secretariat, as of the above date (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (917) 963-5305)). In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed in the conference room should provide an additional 200 copies.

Web site

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2012 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 23 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky, Secretary of the Special Committee, or Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala, Deputy Secretary (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; room IN-608E; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)), the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2012.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Member States are requested to send their written amendments to chapters III, IV and V of the zero draft of the outcome document to the Rio+20 Secretariat (e-mails tahtinen@un.org and uncsd2012@un.org), *no later than Wednesday, 29 February 2012*. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
Informal consultations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold informal consultations on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB); and on Thursday, 16 February, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB). Participation in the informal consultations is open to members of the Committee only.

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women", convened by the delegation of the United States, will be held from Tuesday, 14, to Thursday, 16 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB); and on Friday, 17 February, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Informal briefing

The Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara (Liberia), will hold an informal briefing to provide updates on the preparations for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The briefing will be followed by a presentation of the draft agreed conclusions by the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Mr. Carlos García (El Salvador). All interested delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating available* in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, *by 3 p.m. on Thursday, 23 February 2012,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings, with round table A in Conference Room 4 (NLB) and round table B in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The composition of the round tables has been posted on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm#panelA>.

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Briefing

The secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests will hold a briefing on the preparations for the tenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, as well as on the preparation for the second meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on Forest Financing, on Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). Representatives of all permanent missions in New York are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hossein Moeini-Meybodi (e-mail moeini-meybodi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5949).

Statistical Commission

Briefing

A briefing in preparation for the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will take place on Wednesday, 22 February 2012, from 1.30 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Informal consultations

There will be an informal consultation on the United Nations Volunteers draft biennial report 2010-2011 on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). Interested delegations are invited to attend.

The first meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Report 2012* will take place on Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). The working title of this year's report is "A changing world: Human progress and the rise of the global South". Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 75) (with the States parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Arab Group (First Committee experts)

Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 16 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 24 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (at the expert level) (briefings by the Department of Political Affairs, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Women's International Forum on "Legal issues facing the United Nations — Reflections from three years as Legal Counsel" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please *click here* for further information.]

Panel discussion on "Nobel Peace Laureates call for robust criteria, scope and implementation mechanisms in an effective arms trade treaty (ATT)" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica and co-sponsored by the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress and Amnesty International, with the support of the Control Arms Campaign)

Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Maritza Chan, Minister Counselor, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (e-mail chanmaritza@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 986-6373, ext. 19).]

Panel discussion on "Democracy, peace and security: The role of the United Nations" (co-organized by the Department of Political Affairs (DPA), the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA))

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Kieran Lettrich, Office of the Permanent Observer for International IDEA (e-mail k.lettrich@idea.int; tel. 1 (212) 286-1084).]

Briefing for Member States by the Joint Inspection Unit on "The recent evaluation of the scope, organization, effectiveness and approach of the work of the United Nations in mine action" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland)

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ewa Anzorge, Permanent Mission of Poland (e-mail ewa.anzorge@msz.gov.pl; tel. 1 (646) 559-7559).]

Fifteenth Annual Gandhi, King, Chavez Season for Nonviolence (on the theme "Global peace through social media: There's an App for that!") (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines and the Temple of Understanding)

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Janeth Concepcion, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail jette.c@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 764-1300, ext. 14).]

Sensitization seminar for members of the International Seabed Authority (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Seabed Authority)

Thursday, 16 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ching Suntaree, Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Seabed Authority (tel. 1 (212) 963-6411).]

Briefing on "Sustainable development" (organized by the International Monetary Fund)

Thursday, 16 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nritya Subramaniam, IMF New York Office (e-mail nsubramaniam@imf.org; tel. 1 (212) 317-4738).]

UNITAR/WIPO seminar on international intellectual property

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525; and

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525.

[The seminar is open to members of permanent missions only. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/ny>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; room DC1-603).]

Announcements

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012);

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012).

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012;

Thursday, 23 February 2012;

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Security Council documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 23 February 2012; and

Wednesday, 22 February 2012 (*in Spanish*).

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012; and

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 8 March 2012; and

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications has been extended until *Friday, 24 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 10 February 2012

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2012

3rd meeting — *Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters* [2]

The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 2.

A statement was made by the President of the Council (Slovakia).

Organization of work

A statement was made by the representative of France.

The President (Slovakia) made a statement and declared suspended the organizational session of the Council for 2012.

Commission for Social Development

Fiftieth session

11th–12th meetings — The summary of the 11th and 12th meetings of the fiftieth of the Commission will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2012/30).

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-first session

1st meeting — The summary of the 1st meeting of the fifty-first session of the Commission will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2012/30).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Withdrawal of declaration relating to the territorial exclusion in respect of the Faroe Islands: Denmark (10 February 2012)[1]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Accession: Montenegro (9 February 2012)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Notification under article 7 (4): Belarus (9 February 2012)[1]

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Accession: Estonia (8 February 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (New York, 19 December 2011)

Opening for signature

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Protocol, which was adopted at the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations by resolution 66/138 of 19 December 2011, will be open for signature at a signing ceremony to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 February 2012 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters.

In accordance with its article 18 (1), the Protocol shall be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Rights of the Child or either of the two Optional Protocols thereto on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are being printed and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible. Electronic copies of the Protocol are posted in the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <http://treaties.un.org>.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Protocol must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters (fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: <http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/publications/THB/English.pdf>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *February 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Tunisia
H.E. Mr. Othman Jerandi

Asia-Pacific States:
Maldives
H.E. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Yuriy Sergeyev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli

Western European and other States:
United Kingdom
H.E. Sir Mark Lyall Gran

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually

delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

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All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

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Department for General Assembly and Conference Management
<www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/>

Presidency of the General Assembly
<www.un.org/ga/president>

General Assembly
<www.un.org/en/ga>

Department of Political Affairs
<www.un.org/depts/dpa>

Presidency of the Security Council
<www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>

Security Council
<www.un.org/Docs/sc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
<www.un.org/sc/1540/>

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

Economic and Social Council
<www.un.org/en/ecosoc/>

Office for Disarmament Affairs
<www.un.org/disarmament/>

United Nations Treaty Collection
<http://treaties.un.org/>

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law
<www.un.org/law/avl/>

Dag Hammarskjöld Library
<www.un.org/depts/dhl/>

International Court of Justice
<www.icj-cij.org/>

Journal of the United Nations
<www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp>

United Nations Press Releases
<www.un.org/en/unpress/index.asp>

United Nations Webcast
<www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/index.html>

Yearbook of the United Nations
<http://unyearbook.un.org>

UN Chronicle
<www.un.org/chronicle>

Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Friday, 10 February 2012

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations <http://documents.un.org> in the electronic version of the present Journal.

e-Subscription <http://undocs.org/>

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Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official records**
	Sixty-sixth session
A/66/53/Add.2/Corr.1	Report of the Human Rights Council — Supplement No. 53 B (A/66/53/Add.2) [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-sixth session
A/66/668/Add.1	Item 138 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Letter dated 9 February 2012 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
A/66/676	Item 134 — Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 — Proposals for a more effective and efficient utilization of resources for air travel — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *21 pages*
A/RES/66/197	Item 19 (a) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly — Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development [A C E F R S] — *8 pages*

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2012/82	Letter dated 8 February 2012 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
S/Agenda/6714	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/Agenda/6715	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1970 (2011) concerning Libya
S/AC.52/2012/1	Letter dated 6 February 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

Economic and Social Council

	Documents
	Resumed organizational session for 2012
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Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
Fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Decisions on all relevant procedural matters, including the composition of the Bureau, the draft agenda and the submission of documents, for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty (A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.2 and A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.3) . [3]

3–6 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Decisions on all relevant procedural matters, including the composition of the Bureau, the draft agenda and the submission of documents, for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty (A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.2 and A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.3) . [3]

Substantive matters . . . . . [4]

[Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (room IN-611) and during the session to room NL-1033D. The official documents, background information and other materials on the ATT process can be found at <www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ATTPrepCom/index.htm>. For inquiries concerning the Web site, please contact the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org).]

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General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An informal meeting of the plenary on the monitoring mechanism to follow-up on all commitments related to Africa's development needs, will take place *today*, 14 February 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). A letter from the co-facilitators was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

The co-facilitators will hold follow-up consultations with major groups as follows:

African Group:
Thursday, 16 February 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB);

Group of 77 and China:
Friday, 17 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB);

Western European and Other States Group:
Tuesday, 21 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB); and

United Nations funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions:
Wednesday, 14 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An informal meeting of the plenary (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will take place on *Tuesday, 21 February 2012*, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). A letter from the Chair, dated 31 January 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063). The meeting has been rescheduled from Tuesday, 14 February 2012, to Tuesday, 21 February.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An election will be held for the appointment of three judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, under sub-item (j) of agenda item 115 (documents A/66/664 and A/66/682), on Thursday, 23 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. For further information, please contact Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail mmuturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), will be established by a drawing of lots, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

Delegations are therefore requested to inform the Secretariat of the level of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the Conference in writing and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A), *no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 March 2012*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. Budget for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period 2012-2013 and budget performance for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011
2. Conclusion of the work of the High-level Working Group on Programme Criticality

Independent Audit Advisory Committee
Seventeenth session

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
Informal consultations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold informal consultations *today*, 14 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). Participation in the informal consultations is open to members of the Committee only.

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women", convened by the delegation of the United States, will be held *today*, 14 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Informal briefing

The Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara (Liberia), will hold an informal briefing to provide updates on the preparations for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, *today*, 14 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The briefing will be followed by a presentation of the draft agreed conclusions by the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Mr. Carlos García (El Salvador). All interested delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultation

There will be an informal consultation on the United Nations Volunteers draft biennial report 2010-2011 *today*, 14 February 2012, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 75) (with the States parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Other meetings

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Arab Group (First Committee experts)

9 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A (NLB)

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group on Sustainable Development

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B (NLB)

Other activities

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Tuesday, 14 February 2012

Women's International Forum on "Legal issues facing the United Nations — Reflections from three years as Legal Counsel" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

From 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please *click here* for further information.]

Panel discussion on "Nobel Peace Laureates call for robust criteria, scope and implementation mechanisms in an effective arms trade treaty (ATT)" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica and co-sponsored by the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress and Amnesty International, with the support of the Control Arms Campaign)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Maritza Chan, Minister Counselor, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (e-mail chanmaritza@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 986-6373, ext. 19).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 14 February 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon — Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest*: Ms. Catherine Bragg, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (on the Sahel)]

Second floor stakeout (NLB)

12.30 p.m.[1] — H.E. Mr. Silvan Shalom, Vice-Prime Minister of Israel

[1] Approximately.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

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Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB): on inter-mission cooperation; and conduct and discipline;

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB): on restructuring; gap list; and expanding the base of troop-contributing countries; and

Friday, 17 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB): on peacekeeping and peacebuilding; and personnel.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2012 substantive session from Tuesday, 21 February, to Friday, 16 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the Secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that are interested in sending observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail to herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda and the draft work programme of the session are contained in documents A/AC.121/2012/L.1 and A/AC.121/2012/L.2, respectively. The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee has been issued in documents A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1 and has been posted on the Web site of the Special Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. Other documents of the session will also be posted on the site.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee that will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (21–22 February) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list should contact the secretariat, as of the above date (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (917) 963-5305)). In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed in the conference room should provide an additional 200 copies.

Web site

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will hold its 264th meeting on Tuesday, 21 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2012 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 23 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky, Secretary of the Special Committee, or Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala, Deputy Secretary (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; room IN-608E; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)), the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2012.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Member States are requested to send their written amendments to chapters III, IV and V of the zero draft of the outcome document to the Rio+20 Secretariat (e-mails tahtinen@un.org and uncsd2012@un.org), *no later than Wednesday, 29 February 2012*. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
Informal consultations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold informal consultations on Thursday, 16 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB). Participation in the informal consultations is open to members of the Committee only.

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women", convened by the delegation of the United States, will be held on Wednesday, 15, and Thursday, 16 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB); and on Friday, 17 February, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating available* in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, *by 3 p.m. on Thursday, 23 February 2012,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings, with round table A in Conference Room 4 (NLB) and round table B in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The composition of the round tables has been posted on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm#panelA>.

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Briefing

The secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests will hold a briefing on the preparations for the tenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, as well as on the preparation for the second meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on Forest Financing, on Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). Representatives of all permanent missions in New York are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hossein Moeini-Meybodi (e-mail moeini-meybodi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5949).

Statistical Commission

Briefing

A briefing in preparation for the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will take place on Wednesday, 22 February 2012, from 1.30 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Informal consultation

The first meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Report 2012* will take place on Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). The working title of this year's report is "A changing world: Human progress and the rise of the global South". Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The United Nations in global governance" (under agenda item 123 (b)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

Thursday, 16 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group on Sustainable Development

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB); and

Thursday, 16 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (at the expert level) (briefings by the Department of Political Affairs, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 23 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB) (*rescheduled from Thursday, 16 February*).

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 24 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "Democracy, peace and security: The role of the United Nations" (co-organized by the Department of Political Affairs (DPA), the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA))

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Kieran Lettrich, Office of the Permanent Observer for International IDEA (e-mail k.lettrich@idea.int; tel. 1 (212) 286-1084).]

Briefing for Member States by the Joint Inspection Unit on "The recent evaluation of the scope, organization, effectiveness and approach of the work of the United Nations in mine action" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland)

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ewa Anzorge, Permanent Mission of Poland (e-mail ewa.anzorge@msz.gov.pl; tel. 1 (646) 559-7559).]

Fifteenth Annual Gandhi, King, Chavez Season for Nonviolence (on the theme "Global peace through social media: There's an App for that!") (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines and the Temple of Understanding)

Wednesday, 15 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Janeth Concepcion, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail jette.c@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 764-1300, ext. 14).]

Sensitization seminar for members of the International Seabed Authority (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Seabed Authority)

Thursday, 16 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ching Suntaree, Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Seabed Authority (tel. 1 (212) 963-6411).]

Briefing on "Sustainable development" (organized by the International Monetary Fund)

Thursday, 16 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nritya Subramaniam, IMF New York Office (e-mail nsubramaniam@imf.org; tel. 1 (212) 317-4738).]

Workshop to discuss a draft report of a review of the independent system-wide evaluation mechanism within the United Nations system (organized by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Friday, 17 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Masumi Ono, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (e-mail ono@un.org; tel. (917) 367-4096).]

UNITAR/WIPO seminar on international intellectual property

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525; and

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525.

[The seminar is open to members of permanent missions only. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/ny>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; room DC1-603).]

Announcements

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012);

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012).

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

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Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012;

Thursday, 23 February 2012;

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Security Council documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 23 February 2012; and

Wednesday, 22 February 2012 (*in Spanish*).

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012; and

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 8 March 2012; and

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications has been extended until *Friday, 24 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 10 February 2012

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development
Fiftieth session

11th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [2]

Action on draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.4

The Vice-Chair, Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier (Germany), Facilitator of the draft resolution, made a statement.

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its final adoption.

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [3]

Introduction and action on draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.5

The observer for Algeria, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.5.

Subsequently, Austria, Finland, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Portugal and Slovenia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Commission agreed to the proposal of the Chair to waive rule 52 of the rules of procedure of the Functional Commissions of the Council and proceeded to act on the draft resolution.

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its final adoption.

After the adoption, a statement was made by the observer for the Holy See.

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disable Persons

(ii) World Programme of Action for Youth

(iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(iv) Family issues policies and programmes

Action on draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.3

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its final adoption.

Action on draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.6

The representative of the Philippines, on behalf of Ms. Anne Marie Hernando, Vice-Chair (Philippines) and Facilitator of the draft resolution, made a statement and revised the draft resolution.

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its final adoption.

The Commission concluded its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

12th meeting

The Commission decided, by consensus and on the proposal of the Bureau, to reconsider and then to repeat the action on draft resolutions E/CN.5/2012/L.3, E/CN.5/2012/L.4, E/CN.5/2012/L.5 and E/CN.5/2012/L.6, that had been previously adopted by the Commission in the morning.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [2]

Action on draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.4

The Vice-Chair, Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier (Germany), Facilitator of the draft resolution, made a statement.

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its final adoption.

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [3]

Introduction and action on draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.5

The Vice-Chair, Mr. Mohamed Ibrahim Elbahi (Sudan), Facilitator of the draft resolution, made a statement and orally revised the draft resolution.

The observer for Algeria, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.5, as orally revised.

Subsequently, Austria, Cyprus, Finland, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Portugal, Slovenia and Sweden joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Commission agreed to the proposal of the Chair to waive rule 52 of the rules of procedure of the Functional Commissions of the Council and proceeded to act on the draft resolution.

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its final adoption.

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disable Persons

(iii) World Programme of Action for Youth

(iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(iv) Family issues policies and programmes

Action on draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.3

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its final adoption.

Action on draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.6

The representative of the Philippines, on behalf of Ms. Anne Marie Hernando, Vice-Chair (Philippines) and Facilitator for the draft resolution, revised the draft resolution.

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its final adoption.

The Commission has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

Priority theme: Poverty eradication [3 (a)]

Action on draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.7

The Commission agreed to the proposal of the Chair to waive rule 52 of the rules of procedure of the Functional Commissions of the Council and proceeded to act on the draft resolution.

The Commission was informed that the draft proposal contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement, in his capacity as Facilitator of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.7 was withdrawn by the Chair.

Statements in points of order were made by the representatives of the United States and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The observer for Algeria, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, reintroduced draft resolution E/CN.5/2012/L.7, and orally revised the text.

Statements in points of order were made by the representatives of France, the United States and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The observer for Algeria, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, informed the Commission on the status of negotiations on the draft resolution.

Statements in points of order were made by the representative of the United States and the observer for Algeria.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its final adoption.

The Chair responded to questions raised by the representatives of the United States and Germany.

The representative of Egypt sought clarifications to which the secretariat responded.

In accordance with rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Chair proposed that the Commission reconsider the draft resolution that it had just adopted.

Statements against the motion to reconsider the proposal were made by the representatives of Cuba and Egypt and the observer for Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Statements in points of clarification were made by the representatives of France and the United States.

The Commission, by a recorded vote of 2 to 22, with 12 abstentions, rejected the motion to reconsider the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the representatives of Qatar, Brazil and Argentina made statements with regard to their vote.

General statements, after the adoption of the draft resolution, were made by the representatives of the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation, and by the observer for Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3 (a).

Oral decision by the Chair

On the proposal of the Chair, the Commission decided to take note of a document under agenda item 3.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3, as a whole.

Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Commission [5]

The Commission adopted its provisional agenda for its next session, as contained in document E/CN.5/2012/L.2.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 5.

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fiftieth session [6]

Ms. Olisa Cifligu (Albania), Vice-Chair of the Commission with rapporteurial responsibilities, introduced the draft report of the Commission, as contained in document E/CN.5/2012/L.1.

The Commission adopted the draft report on its fiftieth session and entrusted the Rapporteur with its completion.

Closure of the session

The Chair declared closed the fiftieth session of the Commission.

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-first session

1st meeting

The Chair of the fiftieth session, H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero Briceño (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), opened the fifty-first session.

Election of officers [1]

H.E. Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya (Nepal) was elected as Chair of the fifty-first session of the Commission, by acclamation.

The Commission elected, by acclamation, Ms. Larysa Belskaya (Belarus), Ms. Amira Fahmy (Egypt) and Ms. Emma Aparici (Spain) as Vice-Chairs of the Commission.

The Commission postponed the election of the remaining Vice-Chair from the Latin American and Caribbean States.

Monday, 13 February 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

95th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/66/668/Add.1) [138]

The General Assembly took note that The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter (A/66/668/Add.1).

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [7]

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement on a point of order.

The President made a statement.

Statements on a point of order were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The President made a statement.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a further statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly decided, without setting a precedent, to consider the report of the Human Rights Council on its eighteenth special session (A/66/53/Add.2) directly in plenary meeting.

Report of the Human Rights Council (A/66/53/Add.2 and A/66/53/Add.2/Corr.1) [64]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 64.

The President made a statement.

The President invited, with the consent of the General Assembly and without setting a precedent, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Navi Pillay, to make a statement.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Navi Pillay, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt (on behalf of the Arab States), Libya, Saudi Arabia (on behalf of the Gulf Cooperation Council), Tunisia, the European Union (also on behalf of the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Iceland; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), the Russian Federation, France, Japan, the United States, Switzerland and China.

96th plenary meeting *Report of the Human Rights Council (A/66/53/Add.2 and A/66/53/Add.2/Corr.1)* [64]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 64.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the United Kingdom, Canada, Cuba, Germany, Brazil, Mexico, Norway, Australia, Portugal, Chile, Liechtenstein, Indonesia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nicaragua, Belarus, Italy, Israel, New Zealand, India and Turkey.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The President made a concluding statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 64.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

Fourth session

1st meeting *Opening of the session* [1]

The Chair declared opened the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty.

The Chair made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [2]

The Preparatory Committee adopted the provisional agenda for its fourth session, as contained in document A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.1, as orally amended.

The Preparatory Committee agreed to recommend the provisional agenda of the Conference, as contained in document A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.2, as orally amended, for adopting by the conference.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, Egypt (on behalf of the Arab group), the United Kingdom and Cuba.

Decisions on all relevant procedural matters, including the composition of the Bureau, the draft agenda and the submission of documents, for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty [3]

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Arab group), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, Namibia, India, Cuba, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Nigeria (on behalf of the African group), Norway, Sweden, the Russian Federation and the United Republic of Tanzania.

2nd meeting The Chair made a statement.

Decisions on all relevant procedural matters, including the composition of the Bureau, the draft agenda and the submission of documents, for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty [3]

Statements were made by the representatives of Sierra Leone, the European Union, the Russian Federation, the Netherlands, Malaysia, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), India, Argentina, Australia, Tunisia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mexico, the Syrian Arab Republic, Israel, Norway, Nicaragua, Turkey, Brazil and the United republic of Tanzania.

A statement was made by the observer for the Holy See.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

339th meeting

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda of the meeting, as contained in document A/AC.183/2012/L.1.

Election of officers [2]

The Committee re-elected H.E. Mr. Abdou Salam Diallo (Senegal) as Chair and H.E. Mr. Pedro Núñez Mosquera (Cuba) and H.E. Mr. Zahir Tanin (Afghanistan) as Vice-Chairs, and elected H.E. Mr. Christopher Grima (Malta) as Rapporteur.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The Chair of the Committee made a statement, in his capacity as Permanent Representative of Senegal.

A statement was made by the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

The Chair made a statement on a number of activities which had taken place since the previous meeting of the Committee.

Draft programme of work of the Committee (A/AC.183/2012/CRP.1) [3]

The Chair, on behalf of the Bureau, introduced the draft programme of work of the Committee for 2012 (A/AC.183/2012/CRP.1)

The Committee adopted its draft programme of work for 2012.

Request by Ecuador to become a member of the Committee [4]

The Committee approved the request by Ecuador to participate in the work of the Committee as a member.

Statements were made by the Chair and the representatives of Ecuador, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Nicaragua, as well as by the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

Report of the Chair on the United Nations Seminar on Assistance to the Palestinian People, held in Cairo on 6 and 7 February 2012 [5]

The Chair made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

United Nations International Meeting on the Question of Palestine, to be held in Geneva on 3 and 4 April 2012 (Working Paper No. 1) [65]

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee approved Working Paper No. 1.

Other matters [7]

The Chair made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Nagoya, 15 October 2010

Ratification: Czech Republic (13 February 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (New York, 19 December 2011)

Opening for signature

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Protocol, which was adopted at the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations by resolution 66/138 of 19 December 2011, will be open for signature at a signing ceremony to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 February 2012 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters.

In accordance with its article 18 (1), the Protocol shall be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Rights of the Child or either of the two Optional Protocols thereto on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are being printed and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible. Electronic copies of the Protocol are posted in the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <http://treaties.un.org>.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Protocol must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters (fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: <http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/publications/THB/English.pdf>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *February 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Tunisia
H.E. Mr. Othman Jerandi

Asia-Pacific States:
Maldives
H.E. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Yuriy Sergeyev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli

Western European and other States:
United Kingdom
H.E. Sir Mark Lyall Gran

Security Council

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<www.un.org/Docs/sc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
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A/66/684	Item 140 — Joint Inspection Unit — Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2011 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
A/AC.183/2012/L.1	Provisional agenda of the 339th meeting, to be held on 13 February 2012 [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

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	Committee of Experts on Public Administration Eleventh session
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	Commission for Social Development Fiftieth session
E/CN.5/2012/L.7	Item 3 (a) — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: priority theme: poverty eradication — Draft resolution submitted by the Chair of the Commission, Jorge Valero Briceño (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), on the basis of informal consultations [A C E F R S] — *7 pages*

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-fifth session

E/CN.9/2012/3 Item 2 of the provisional agenda — Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters — Report of the Bureau of the Commission on Population and Development on its intersessional meetings [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

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